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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Jan. 15, 1909.

Upon the application of Howard A. Pool, Administrator of Ella P. Cochran, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein ten times.

{SEAL} Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the Thirteenth day of January 1910, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 1, 1909.

President Taft has expressed himself, recently, as not so well pleased with the attitude of the Senate toward the tariff bill. The members of the Finance Committee have consulted the President from time to time, regarding certain features of their substitute, and for the provisions relating to imports from the Phillippines, the proposed customs court and the maximum, minimum clause, they have won his unqualified approval. With regard specifice rate, however, Mr. Taft has not been consulted and the Senate leaders have contented themselves with general assurances to the President, of their sincerity of purpose so to frame the schedules as to command his approval. It is not at all clear whether President Taft's desire to commend all that was commendable has been misconstrued, of whether the erroneous impression has been gained that his satisfaction with certain features of the measure would offset his disapproval of the schedules.

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In discussing the tariff recently with friends the President has frankly deplored the fact that the men on whose assistance he should be able to rely, to insure an adequate revision of the Dingley rates, are so unwilling to subordinate their local interests to the national welfare and are selfishly insistent on the maintenance of high duties on those commodities most produced in their respective states.

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The President is keenly alive to the importance of expeditious work by the two houses of Congress: he realizes to the full the embarrassment to the business interests of the country which is the inevitable concomitant of uncertainty regarding the tariff rates; but he is no less appreciative of the fact that the present tariff revision will, or should, be of such a character as to forestall all reasonable agitation for another readjustment of the schedules for a decade or longer. Under these circumstances he places the interests of the consumer for that period against the immediate necessities of the business man, and from the comparison he arrives at the conclusion that, for purely economic reasons, it is better to prolong the present situation even by a veto, if that be necessary, than to have written on the statutes and inequitable tariff act.

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Senate leaders are rather disposed to dismiss with little consideration all intimations of the President's dissatisfaction, and they go so far even as to assert that only those who are making the tariff can from any adequate conception of the difficulties as to the form the measure will assume after it has been submitted to the fire of the conference. However that may be, the Chief Executive has a keen suspicion that the unequivocal expression of dissatisfaction, on the part of loyal Republicans, with the Senate's work thus far, can only promote ultimate formulation of a measure which he can cordially approve.

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The Republican members of the Finance Committee have completed the draft of the section creating the new tariff bureau. This bureau is to be formed by consolidating the existing bureaus of statistics and manufacturers, now under the supervision of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor; the bureau of trade relations, now a part of the Department of State, and the division of customs, of the Treasury Department. The new bureau will be made part of the Treasury Department, and an additional Assistant Secretary of the Treasury will be provided for who will have immediate jurisdiction over it.

A second section of the Senate substitute provides for special agents, to be appointed by the President to collect information here abroad concerning foreign customs duties for the use of the President in administering the maxium clause of the tariff bill. They will, of course, work in conjunction with the new tariff bureau.

The advocates of the tarriff commission plan threaten to make a vigorous attack on the bureau plan if it does not meet their expectations. They have no objection to the investigating body being known as a bureau instead of a commission, but they will insist that it shall have both the ability and the power to find out tariff facts, here and abroad, and to make public its findings.

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The State Department is in receipt of reassuring dispatches from Ambassador Leishman at Constantinople, which have added to their confidence that there is no longer cause for apprehension as to the welfare of Americans in Turkey. Mr. Leishman expresses himself as greatly pleased with the way in which the new constitutional government has taken hold of the situation, and he predicts that there will be no necessity for martial law after another week or two. The trials of offenders are being conducted with dispatch, he says, the merchants have begun to do their usual business, and in a short time normal conditions will prevail.

Dropped Dead On Front Porch

MILFORD, May 4.—Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Jennie D., wife of Hon. Peter F. Causey, Sr., dropped dead on the front porch of their residence on South Walnut street. Mrs. Causey had been ill for two years, but was supposed to be improving. The weather being pleasant, she was sitting on the porch, when suddenly she fell from her arm chair, and before help reached her she was dead. Apoplexy of the heart was the cause. Mrs. Causey was about 68 years of age. She leaves a husband, three sons and three daughters.

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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Get posted on silos and making silage; and if enough cows are kept to justify it, by all means plant a silage crop and have a silo ready to receive it.

A bad smelling dairy barn shows that something is wrong. There will be plenty, though, who will laugh at the idea of a dairy barn not smelling to high heaven.

Begin to cut down a cow's rations when it is desired that she go dry; and feed her so that it can be said she is well fed without being fattened while she is dry.

To develop a dairy heifer into something really good, do not hesitate to feed it well the first two years. It will be a better feeder thereafter if fed well when young.

Do not delay about starting to breed up the herd. It will take two years before results are got, and every year that the delay in starting continues makes one more year.

It a number of calves are to be fed, see that every one gets the feed it ought to have. Do not have any arrangement that will enable the large ones to eat what the small ones ought to have.

It costs no more for feeding or attending to a well-bred sire than it does for a scrub, the only difference being in the first cost; and the well-bred sire will soon make up the difference and much.

Do not let temporary set backs breed permanent discouragement. Find out what the cause of the trouble was, and remove the cause. No clime has eternal sunshine and no business, dairying included, has success continually.

Do not expect to get rid of all the poor blood by using a pure-bred sire for a single year. The average will be greatly improved, but the improvement will be only started by the first use of the good sire.

When the fattening season arrives, according to an experienced goose raiser, keep the fowls shut away from bathing water, and feed barleymeal, cornmeal and beef scraps and some chopped celery. Keep them in a subdued light for three or four weeks, when they can be let out for a couple of days to enjoy the use of a pond. Then return to clean quarters, and feed on barleymeal and milk, and chopped celery, for two or three days, letting them go twenty-four hours before killing.

Ground properly plowed is easier to handle, and we can secure better results for the time spent in working the tillage implements. Follow the sulky plow with a twenty inch disc harrow. Then come the smoothing harrow, brush and drag. On ground seeded, after removing the rocks, follow the above with roller, and under certain conditions with some hoed crops some also roll the ground. Run the weeder, alternating with the two horse riding cultivator, until the size of the crop forbids cultivating deeply at first, very lightly later. Thus a dust mulch is maintained, enabling the plant to secure the best results from the moisture conserved, and keeping down weed growth.

It is said that a ton of wheat removes between eight or ten dollars' worth of soil fertility, and that the farmer never gets it back. Of course, there are ways of replacing it by the proper rotation and stock raising, but the dairy farmer who sells butter or cream, stops the leak before it happens.

A hungry cow cannot produce milk any more than an empty mill hopper can produce flour.

Every hard-working farmer earns a vacation of at least two weeks every year—and generally the wife earns four. But does she get it?

The farm telephone wire is the connecting link between neighbors and the outside world. It banishes loneliness and creates sympathy and a spirit of optimism.

If our troubles which keep us awake nights were really as big as they seem in the dark, we would never get over them.

A man may have a good knowledge of the two principals of farming, but if he neglects the details he will fail.

As a general thing the oat crop is neglected. A good many farmers say that it doesn't pay to grow oats but the crop is necessary in a proper rotation. The trouble is the average farmer is careless in the preparation of the seed bed, he is careless in the selection of seed and he don't deserve the results he does get.

It often happens that oats are put in after corn and the stalks are not properly broken up so the seed is very unevenly covered, which makes a poor stand.

Smut is a great drawback to the oat crop. Some fields developing as much as ten per cent when the owner doesn't realize that he has smut to amount to any thing.

The State of Iowa raises 29½ bushels of oats to the acre, when the average yield ought to be at least 40 bushels.

Oats naturally follow corn in rotation. If a disc drill is used the seed may be put in evenly in spite of the seed stalks. Set the drill to cover 1½ to 2½ inches and put in about three bushels of good seed per acre. A great many farmers use less seed, but in every experiment that I have heard of, where accurate tab was kept on results, three bushels of seed per acre has brought a bigger yield and more satisfactory returns.

When oats are planted after corn that has been properly tended and well cultivated, it is not necessary to prepare the seed bed more than three inches deep.

Few farmers take the pains to fan seed oats enough. Often the oats are run through a fanning mill once and sometimes not at all.

The fact is, it pays to take out half, very often three quarters, and it may take four times through the mill to do it, but the result is uniform heavy oats for seed that will bring strong plants that start out in life with a determination to grow and yield handsomely.

SUMMER FASHIONS IN NEW YORK

Many of the very newest and prettiest of the thin dresses intended for hot weather wear are made collarless and cut slightly round or square at the neck and completed simply by an insertion and with a tiny frill of Valenciennes or Cluny or perhaps by a round Dutch collar. This fashion is coolness and comfort personified and if a woman possesses a plump and pretty neck it is distractingly becoming, but, on the other hand, the maiden whose neck is thin and bony should avoid this mode like the plague, as she will find it most disfiguring.

Dainty Graduation Frocks

Graduating costumes are now beginning to receive atte tion and very charming are some of the models seen in the shops and at the fashionable dressmakers. All sorts of sheer materials are used for the purpose trimmed with laces and embroideries galore. The smartest models are made in the princess and semi-princess styles. A simple and easily made yet very lovely frock of this is of white batiste, lawn or India linon with a front panel of the material running from the hem to the lace yoke and bordered by bands of lace of lace insertion. Sometimes this panel is plain, at others it is pintucked from top to bottom or set off by lace medallions or crossed strips of insertion. A sash of white ribbon starts under a flat rosette at each side of this panel and is knotted gracefully in the back.

New Ideas in Sleeve

Some of the hot weather frocks are made with short sleeves but by far the largest number have sleeves coming down to the wrists. The very latest feature in sleeves is the breaking out into small puffs at the elbows and wrists. In some models where the sleeve is three quarter length it is extended by a small underpuffing of sheer material, this puffing being in the familiar bishop effect completed by a tight band at the wrist. Evening gowns are made with very short sleeves or no sleeves at all, though a few models have tight fitting transparent sleeves of net.

Silk and Lace Coats

Silk coats form the very smartest possible sort of separate wrap this season. Moire, faille and ottoman silks are used for the more elegant varieties, while the cheaper coats are of taffeta.

Black lace coats are something entirely new. They are usually cut in three-quarter length and lined throughout with taffeta. White lace are also seen. Coats in natural colored pongee are fashionable. They are finished with black, pale blue, green, red or brown silk collars and cuffs.



The above designs are by The McCall Company, New York. Patterns may be obtained at any McCall Agency.

New Shirt Waists

In spite of the great vogue of the one-piece frock, when the really hot days come the average woman will betake herself to shirt waist and linen skirt. One of the very newest ideas in summer shirt waists is made of striped Madras in regulation shirting pattern made in tailored style with a few wide tucks on each side of the front and finished with a low turn-over collar in Dutch style, this collar being embroidered very simply in a color to match the stripe of the waist.

Most elaborate are the embroidered shirt waists this season, while others are braided in an intricate design with coronation braid which on first glance closely resembles French embroidery.

Novelty Parasols

The very latest novelties in parasols are made out of big handkerchiefs of cotton—what used to be called bandannas in years gone by. These parasols are made up in such a way that they have the appearance of being finished with star points, a point for each rib.

Very dressy little sunshades are of most artistic flowered silk with elaborately carved handles.

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PURE MILK ASSURED

Stringent Law Regarding Diseased Cattle Approved by Milkmen

Last Saturday in Delaware a sweeping new law affecting every owner of cattle and every dairyman in Delaware went into effect. It is a result of the pure food campaign which has been carried on in this State for nearly ten years.

It will particularly affect the extensive trade enjoyed by Delaware with Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The State Board of Agriculture held a special meeting in Dover on Tuesday to provide the requisite regulations as called for in the law, which imposes a fine of $100 or imprisonment or both for the owner who brings cattle into this State, which cattle are not tested for tuberculosis. The law in full is brief but explicit, as follows:

Section 1. That the importation of dairy cows and other cattle for breeding purposes into the State of Delaware is hereby prohibited, excepting when such cattle are accompanied by a certificate from an inspector, whose competency and reliability are certified to by the authorities charged with the control of the diseases of domestic animals, in the State from whence the cattle came, certifying that they have been examined and subjected to the tuberculin test, and are free from disease, and whose certificate shall be acceptable to the State Board of Agriculture.

Section 2. That in lieu of an inspection certificate as above required, cattle as above specified from points outside the State, may under such restrictions as may be provided by the State Board of Agriculture, be shipped in quarantine to their destination in Delaware, there to remain in quarantine, until properly examined at the expense of the owner by a veterinarian to be designated by the State Board of Agriculture.

Section 3. That any person, firm or corporate body violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall in the proper court of the county in which such cattle are sold, offered for sale, or delivered to a purchaser, for each offense forfeit or pay a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or be punished by imprisonment for not exceeding thirty days, either or both at the discretion of the court.

Section 4. The State Board of Agriculture is hereby charged with the enforcement of this act, and is authorized to see that its provisions are obeyed, and to make from time to time, such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for its enforcement.

Section 5. That this act shall go into effect May 1st, 1909.

STANTON--MARSHALLTON ROAD

Levy Court Considers a Proposition to Have Trustees Build It

A delegation comprising, Dr. Francis L. Springer, C. P. Dickey, Richard Pilling, B. A. Groves, Dr. L. Heisler Ball and William B. Cranston appeared before the Levy Court Tuesday morning to urge the building of an improved road between Marshallton and Stanton. They held a conference with the trustees of the workhouse in regard to the matter. The latter have made several offers to build roads from the workhouse quarries which would make the building of roads in the vicinity not more than 60 per cent. of the cost of other roads. The trustees have also offered to furnish the stone at $1 a ton and 75 cents a day per man.

Several members of the delegation addressed the court and explained the bad condition of the road which they stated was at present in a dangerous condition.

T. C. Corbit, one of the workhouse trustees, said the trustees were anxious to help out in the building of the roads in the vicinity of the workhouse and said the men at the workhouse would work as hard as anybody. T. Allen Hilles spoke along the same lines and said this kind o work was healthful to the prisoners.

President Dayett of the Levy Court thought that the trustees should bid on the roads, as the law does not permit the highway commissioner to O. K. a bill unless it is a contract bill.

Mr. Corbit suggested that the road be built under the law governing bridges and causeways. Levy Courtman Dennison thought it should be built by the hundred.

J. Frank Ball said he thought the court should not quibble when it could save $2,000 of the taxpayers' money, and if there is any way to get around the law they should do so.

Comptroller Chandler suggested that bids be asked for by the perch and by the man.

No action was taken in the matter.

PRIZES FOR THE BOYS

The prizes for corn grown by Delaware boys will be distributed as follows:

For the best ten stalks, including ears, of any variety or color exhibited at the New Castle County Fair, September 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th, 1909.

From New Castle County—First prize, $5.00; second, $4.00; third, $3.00; fourth, $2.00.

From Kent County—First prize, $5.00; second, $4.00; third, $3.00; fourth, $2.00.

From Sussex County—First prize, $5.00; second, $4 00; third, $3.00; fourth, $2.00.

Sweepstakes prize—A silver cup.

For the best ten ears of any variety or color exhibited at the State Corn Show at Dover, December, 1909, the following premiums will be given.

From New Castle County—First prize, $5.00; second, $4.00; third, $3.00; fourth, $2.00.

From Kent County—First prize, $5.00; second, $4.00; third, $3.00; fourth, $2.00.

From Sussex County—First prize, $5.00; second, $4.00 third, $3.00; fourth, $2.00.

Sweepstakes prize—$10.00.

The contestant may enter one or both exhibitions, but he must send his name and address, together with the color of the variety he intends to grow, to A. E. Grantham, Newark, Secretary Delaware Corn Growers' Association, before June 15th, 1909. This will entitle the grower to a registration card which he must present at the exhibitions.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

The disagreeable smell which is usually caused by the cooking of greens may be prevented if a small piece of bread is thrown into the water while boiling.

To remove dried up glue from woodwork rub the woodwork with a cloth dipped in vinegar. Vinegar is also much better for dissolving glue than ordinary water.

In preparing a bed for an invalid, have two sets of bed clothing, so that one set may be aired while the other is in use.

To clean plaster of paris ornaments cover them with a thick coating of starch dissolved in a little water and allow this to become dry. Then it may be brushed off and the dirt with it.

A few drops of oil of sandalwood, sold by druggists, dropped on a hot shovel, will be found to diffuse a most agreeable, balsamic perfume in sick rooms or confined rooms that have not been well aired.

To stop bleeding of the nose, cut some blotting or letter paper into a piece an inch square, roll it up about the size of a lead pencil and put into the nostril. The blood will soon coagulate and cease to flow.

The picnicker and light housekeeper can buy condensed coffee by the case, ready with cream and sugar, which only needs the addition of a cup of boiling water to make a delicious cup of coffee at a very moderate cost.

A brilliant polish may be given to brass door fixtures, ornaments, etc., by washing them in a mixture of alum and lye. Make a solution by boiling an ounce of alum in a pint of lye and wash the articles in it while it is still warm.

New flannel should be put into clean, cold water and kept there for a day or so, changing the water frequently. Then wash the flannel well in warm water, using a little soap to remove the oil. Flannel thus treated will not harden or shrink.

A dry loaf of bread, milk-soaked, can be rebaked and will be found as good as new. Bread on which fast boiling milk is poured makes a good supper for dyspeptics. A porous bread pen, eat in an inch of water, keeps the bread fresh a long time.

The nose is the organ through which the air should pass to reach the lungs. This is true of both men and animals. Experiments made with guinea pigs, rabbits and dogs have abundantly demonstrated this fact. A guinea pig with both nostrils closed died within twenty-four hours. Partial closing of the nostrils resulted in death in from five days to three weeks.

There is a difference of opinion as to perfumed hair, some women, nice ones, too, think a faint, elusive, individual fragrance to the hair correct, while other women are strong in their condemnation of scented tresses. If you are not one of the women who think perfumed hair vulgar, you may like to know how to impart an odor to it instead of paying to have it done by the hairdresser. The best time is immediately after the hair is shampooed, while it is still slightly damp. Pour five or six drops of oil of lavender, oil of jasmine or oil of violet in the palm of your hand and rub it over the bristles of a clean, rather stiff hair brush. Brush the hair thoroughly for five or ten minutes and you will carry around for a week a faint, delicate fragrance.

Beetroot is fattening and good for people who want to put on flesh.

Parsnips possess the same virtues as sarsaparilla.

Watercress is an excellent blood purifier.

Lettuce has a soothing effect on the nerves and is excellent for sufferers from insomnia.

Tomatoes are good for a torpid liver, but should be avoided by gouty people.

Celery is a nerve tonic; onions also are a tonic for the nerves.

Bananas are beneficial to sufferers from chest complaints.

Celery contains sulphur and helps to ward off rheumatism.

Honey is a good substitute for cod liver oil.

If you wish to cleanse a lace waist without any trouble at all just get a covered stone crock, fill it with naphtha, put your waist in it and leave it there over night. Every vestige of dirt will soak out and all you have to do the next morning is to rinse the waist in fresh naphtha and hang it up in the sun to dry. Put it on a dress hanger to dry, and put the shoulders down straight, for this shapes it, and no ironing will be necessary if while it is damp you will smooth it out with your hand. For safety it is well to have the crock of naphtha out in the yard over night, and the odor will more quickly evaporate if the rinsing and drying are done out of doors.

The housewife who has not a radiator brush is giving her maid unnecessary work. These little affairs do not cost much, and they are shaped so that they get into every crevice of the radiator and take out the dust that clogs and is unsightly.

Every doorstep should be provided with a foot scraper, and every one should take time to use it before stepping in on clean floor or carpet. If a regular scraper is not at hand one can be made from a bit of hoopiron and nailed on a step or the edge of the porch.

In washing silk there are four things which must be avoided, and they are soap, heat, rubbing and wringing. Have the water lukewarm. Make a lather with a little dissolved soap if the garment is dirty. If the article is not soiled much, use bran water. Don't ever allow soap in a lump to come in contact with silk. Take one end of the article and swish it around and around until it is clean. Rinse it in cold water to which vinegar has been added. Add one tablespoonful of vinegar to one quart of water. Place the garment between dry cloths and squeeze, preferably between a wringer. Then shake well to get rid of all superfluous moisture and iron at once through tissue paper with a warm iron.

COURT SUSTAINS HEPBURN LAW

Supreme Body at Washington Says That Congress Can Regulate Commerce

WASHINGTON, May 3d.—That the "commodities clause" of the Interstate Commerce act of 1906, known as the Hepburn railroad rate law, is constitutional was to-day in effect declared by the Supreme Court of the United States. The decision was announced by Justice White. The court reversed and remanded the decision of the United States Circuit Court, but the only directions were to enforce and apply the statute as it is now construed.

Briefly summarized, the decision of the Supreme Court in the commodities clauses holds the law to be constitutional, but it does not concede the contentions of the government as to its scope. An especial exception was as to the ownership of stock in a different corporation which it was held did not constitute such ownership as would prohibit transportation under the terms of the law.

It was also held that ownership of the commodity applied only to the time of transportation. If before transporting it the railroad company has in good faith parted with the commodity, it may carry it. The principal point of the decision was in relation to railroads holding the stock of subordinate companies, and on that important point the finding was favorable to the roads.

Justice Harlan dissented on the stock feature, but otherwise the decision was unanimous.

The announcement as to the commodities clause was made in deciding the twelve injunction and mandamus cases brought by the Government against the Delaware and Hudson, the Erie, the New Jersey Central, the Delaware and Lackawanna, the Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley Railroad Companies.

The cases came to the court from the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, whose decision as announced by Judge George Gray in 1908 attracted much attention. They originated in the Circuit Court, and in its petition the Government charged that the railroad companies in question were engaged in transporting in interstate commerce anthracite coal mined by themselves in their own mines, which are located in Pennsylvania.

The Hepburn act makes it unlawful "for any railroad company to transport from any state to any other state or to any foreign country any article or commodity other than timber, manufactured, mined or produced by it, or under its authority, or which it may own in whole or in part, or in which it may have any interest, direct or indirect, except such articles or commodities as may be necessary and intended for its use in the conduct of its business as a common carrier."

The Circuit Court decided against the constitutionality of the provision because, as it was alleged, it deprives the corporations of their liberty and of property in a way that is prohibited by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. It also was held by that Court that the clause "not indirectly but directly" works a practical confiscation of the property of the railroad since the law was held to be invalid and "in its nature and effect a discriminative prohibition." That verdict was reversed by to day's decision.

HIS HEAD CUT OFF

DOVER, DEL., May 3d.—With his head cut off as clean as by the work of a guillotine, an unknown negro was found near Dover passenger station to-day by the crew of passenger train No. 38, known as the 7.04 morning north-bound train.

It is supposed that the man was riding on the buffers of a freight and was probably losing himself either in sleep or forgetfulness when the train on which he was riding started to swing around the Peterson curve below Dover station, jostling him off.

Deputy Coroner Willis will investigate the case. Train No. 38 continued up the road on time. A large crowd of the curious, seeing for the first time a man who had been guillotined, collected at the station, but the exhibit was soon put out of sight in the temporary morgue here.

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BOYS AND CIGARETTES

Missouri has passed a law forbidding minors from smoking cigarettes in public places and forbidding any one to sell or give a minor a cigarette. The responsibility for boys who smoke cigarettes rests with the parents.

The use of those miserable things by boys stunts the growth and operates against study. There was a time when a boy who smoked was the rare exception, and now every day there can be seen on the streets boys in short trousers who are puffing away at one of the vile-smelling rolls of paper and whatever may be inside of them. In respect to smoking in public places it would not be amiss to prohibit all users of cigarettes from puffing smoke in the faces of men, women and children in public buildings, and on the streets if possible.

We have no notion whatever that laws forbidding the use of cigarettes by boys can be made effective unless the parents take a hand. Far better than any statute law on the subject is the iron hand and the positive will of a father. The boy who is caught smoking, either a cigar, a pipe or a cigarette, should be spanked and put to bed to stay until he had resolved to cut out the habit. With the fathers and mothers rests a cure for the growing evil. If, however, a few fathers are forced to pay fines for their smoking boys they might be prevailed upon to do their duty.

SUSSEX FARMERS

The *Sussex Republican* speaks of the fine appearance of the farms of that county, the improvement in the land and the advanced methods of agriculture that are being adopted. It is observed that the farmers are beginning to spray their fruit trees and Colonel Houston thinks that it will not be long before most of the fruit trees in Sussex will be so treated. Spraying by some authorities is declared to be indepensable but many fruit growers in Kent county where spraying has been largely practiced have been much disappointed in the results. And the disappointment has been as great even where some of the professors with new fangled and high sounding titles did the work.

TRICK TO AID AMENDMENT

The discovery has just been made that the election law was so amended by the Democrats in the last legislature that they will be materially aided in their effort to foist the disfranchising amendment upon the state.

The trick is this: In the so-called Wilson counties the suffrage amendment may be hidden away amid a long list of candidates so that the illiterate or unsuspecting voter will find it a difficult, if not impossible, feat to find it.

In Baltimore city and in other counties in which the Wilson law is not effective the amendment will be printed in a separate column to follow immediately the list of candidates. It will not be difficult to find the amendment.

It is unnecessary to add that the bulk of the colored population is in the Wilson counties. that is, Kent, Queen Annes, Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset, Worcester, Anne Arundel, Prince Georges, Charles, Calvert and St. Marys. The reason for the jumble of the amendment with names in these counties is apparent.

An additional obstacle was placed upon the unsuspecting and illiterate voters in the Wilson counties by the last legislature which so amended the election law that sample ballots are not printed in advance of the election nor are sample ballots and cards of instruction posted in each election booth and outside the guard rails. In other counties and in Baltimore city sample ballots will be advertised as formerly. There will also be the usual cards of instructions in the voting booths.—*Baltimore American.*

GOOD ROADS

"In Baltimore on May 18th to 21st, and in Washington on May 22d, the second meeting of the National Good Roads Congress is to be held. The growing concern in the matter of better roads makes it clear that the movement begun a few years ago is not yet under full swing. Many of the states have done admirable work in the way of redeeming the old mud roads and making them passable at all seasons of the year.

"New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania were leaders by states and there have been built hundreds of miles of hard roads of its best quality. Delaware has done its part very well and more is to be done in the future. Maryland is about to start the work of constructing better highways, and throughout the entire country progress is noted. Most of these new roads are of the same quality, but there is an evident need of discovering something better than has yet been adopted.

"The charge is made that the heavy rubber tires of automobiles serve to damage roads no matter how well constructed, and it is necessary to devise some other surface for the highways. The real impetus to the good road movement was brought about by the use of automobiles, and now these machines are credited with damaging the roads. The excessive speed at which the motor cars are run creates a suction which draws the small stones from the roads and thus serves to make them rough.

"The thing to do is to provide some surfacing material to overcome the suction of the rubber tires. That this can be done we believe, and the road makers are experimenting with new methods. Yet the damage done by the motor car is, we imagine, exaggerated, and if a road is properly made it ought to stand the test of the heavy cars and the broad wheels. The first idea was that the motor cars would serve to pack the roads, just as the small bicycle wheels packed the sides of roads when those two-wheeled machines were in vogue. For years many of the states regulated the width of tires for wagons carrying heavy loads, the idea being to prevent the cutting of the surface of the highways. Better roads, however, have come, and even the damage done to them is not an important factor. Still it is imperative that the roads shall be watched and mended as soon as the first sign of a break appears. Made properly a road of the modern quality ought to last many years, but it must be attended to and not permitted to be washed or cut. No matter how good the road it can not be expected to serve its purpose if not kept in repair."—*Morning News.*

DEFICIT DECREASING

The first day of the eleventh month of the Government's fiscal year, Saturday found Uncle Sam's Treasury officials smiling over the excellent showing in finances. Although the total deficit is now almost ninety-two and a half million dollars, it increased less than three million dollars during the month just ended, as against an increase of fifteen and a half million dollars in the same month a year ago.

Treasury officials believe that the tide has turned, and they present, in support of their optimism, this striking showing, as well as the steady increases in customs, and miscellaneous receipts. Should there be no change in present conditions during this month, and next, the total deficit, for the fiscal year would be less than $100,000,000. Treasury accountants estimated to Congress last fall that the deficit would reach $115,000,000.

PEACHES SCARCE

In riding over Kent county during the month of April, the County School Commissioners covered more than six hundred and eighty miles in automobiles and a carriage, and so far as their observation from the county roads went, there is almost a total failure of the peach and Keiffer pear crops in that county. In a few places scattering trees showed a light crop of peaches, but excepting two districts, evidence of any chance for a pear crop was lacking. Everywhere strawberries gave promise of a good crop.

THE HOME PAPER

With all due modesty we believe the home paper is the most important institution in any town. It is the medium through which the town speaks to the outside world and it is the means of communication between the people of the town and vicinity. Long ago, under inspiration, it was written, "No man liveth to himself," and the truth was never more apparent than it is to-day. No man can retire from activity and live. He must know what is going on about him, and the world must know what he is doing. The use of the newspaper is the best plan by which this is carried on.

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THE BILLS THAT FAILED

Passed by the Legislature, But Were Refused Approval by Governor

DOVER, May 5.—Following are the bills passed by the Legislature at its recent session which Governor Pennewill declined to approve, and which thereby failed to become laws.

An act for the protection of snapping turtles.

For the protection of oysters in Leipsic River and Simmons Creek.

Providing for the storing of certain explosives within the State.

Authorizing the construction of a drawbridge over Laurel River, at or near the town of Laurel.

For the protection and preservation of game and fish.

Providing for a $10 license for opera houses, theatres or other places where performances of all kinds are held.

To provide an inspector of scales and public weighers for the city of Wilmington.

Protecting the property of railroad companies from trespassers and fixing the powers and fees of officers.

To reincorporate the town of Laurel.

Requiring an additional fee for oyster plantations.

Giving certain artisans claim on certain personal property and providing for legal procedure in connection therewith.

To amend the laws of the State of Delaware in relation to the taxation of manufacturers, being an increase in tax on manufactures.

To amend section 7, chapter 101, Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware of 1893, in relation to justices' jurisdiction in causes of forcible entry and detainer, &c.

ELECTS OFFICERS

The twelfth annual meeting of the Society of Colonial Wars, in the State of Delaware, was held in the Wilmington Country Club Wednesday night. The annual dinner followed the business meeting. These officers and committees were chosen:

Governor—Judge Edward Green Bradford.

Deputy Governor—Senator Henry Alnon duPont.

Lieutenant Governor—Former Governor Preston Lea.

Secretary — Christopher Longstreth Ward.

Deputy Secretary—Thomas Francis Bayard.

Treasurer—William Henry Swift.

Chancellor — Chancellor John Reed Nicholson.

Historian — Judge Ignatius Cooper Grubb.

Registrar—John Henry Rodney.

Surgeon—Former Congressman Hiram Rodney Burton.

Chaplain—Rev. Joseph Brown Turner.

Gentlemen of the Council—Term expires May 5th, 1910—Joseph Swift, Victor duPont, Jr., Harry Garner Haskell.

Committee on Membership—Hon. Ignatius Cooper Grubb, Hon. Preston Lea, Victor duPont, Jr., Joseph Swift, William Henry Swift, Henry Ridgely, Jr., Andrew Caldwell Gray.

Committee on Historical Documents—Hon. Edward Green Bradford, Henry Ridgely, Jr., Thomas Francis Bayard, Dr. Hiram Rodney Burton, Dr. John Janvier Black.

Committee on Installation—Hon. Preston Lea, Alexis Irenee duPont, Spotswood Garland, Thomas Clayton Frame, Jr., Joshua Danforth Bush.

THOUSANDS ARE DISFRANCHISED

Residents of the Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland are beginning to take notice of the provision in the election law which requires a citizen to make a declaration before leaving the state that he intends to return his citizenship. This law which has been variously construed by the courts has resulted in disfranchising several thousand bonafide citizens and taxpayers and more are being added to the list every year.

Of course, the majority of those denied their rights are colored Republicans and Democrats whom the courts ousted from citizenship. On Kent Island, Queen Anne county, alone 110 votes were ruled out, of whom 80 are Republicans. These men have been earning $40 a month by taking seed oysters to New Jersey and planting them. They usually leave early in April and return late in June. Before going they made the required declaration, filing it with the Clerk of the Court, but when they applied for registration were denied because they had not been in the state six months prior to the election. They took the case to court and Judge Pearce upheld this contention. As a result they are no longer citizens, notwithstanding their families reside there and they themselves pay taxes.

BASEBALL FAN WILL FIND BIG TREAT IN SPECIAL N. A. ISSUE

Richer in information, more beautiful as to appearance and crammed fuller of entertainment. *The North American's* special annual baseball supplement, to be issued Sunday, May 16th, will eclipse all three of its predecessors.

The first page in colors is an attractive arrangement, containing photographs of every player of the Phillies and Athletics, an illustration well worth framing. The back page in colors shows the difficulties of making baseball's most dangerous play, tagging a runner.

James C. Isaminger, *The North American's* baseball humorist, contributes a story on the era of the silk-stocking ball player. It is illustrated by Cartoonist Hoban.

Every player in the Tristate League is photographed, there is a page devoted to the Atlantic League and all of the other leagues; New York State, North Penn, Delaware county, Bucks county, etc., have representations.

School, college and independent baseball in state and city; the amateur game as played by the youngsters on the lot and in the park come in for liberal attention, the rosters of 1000 teams being carried.

The battling and fielding averages of the big leagues will be found only one of many valuable features that will make this a reference guide for the whole season.

Orders should be placed at once, as last year's edition was quickly exhausted, and the demand for the present supplement will be even greater.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. Nathan Loveless has purchased a new piano.

Nelson Cooling is spending sometime in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Barwick attended a dance in Elkton Friday evening.

Miss Alice Bonic is visiting relatives at Rockville and Washington.

Mrs. William Howard spent Sunday with Mrs. Byron Bouchelle.

Lewis Evans, of Ewell, Md., is visiting his sister, Miss Tina Evans.

Miss Minnie Bowers was entertained by Miss Mary Foard over Sunday.

Mrs. George W. Padley, of Cecilton, has been visiting Mrs. M. E. Freeman.

Mrs. M. E. Foard and Miss Mollie Foard have returned from DeLand, Fla.

Rev. S. M. Perry, of Elkton, filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Miss Margaret Woodall, of Georgetown, Md., was the guest of J. S. Hopper Sunday.

Rev. S. M. Perry and Mr. George A. Blake, of Elkton, were entertained by Mr. J. M. Reed on Sunday.

Misses Sadie Tatman and Agnes Comas, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Tatman.

The "Old Folks' Concert" and "The Parson's Perversity" was given in the Masonic Hall, Friday evening, May 7, by the ladies of the Christian Endeavor Society.

Mr. Stanley Steele and Miss Ann Wallace Simmons were married at the home of the bride's parents, in Wilmington, Thursday evening.

Beginning with Sunday, May 9, Rev. R. C. Walker, of Princeton, will have charge of the services in the Presbyterian Church during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clayton, Mrs. James S. Hooper and Miss Adelaide Clayton attended the wedding of Miss Julia Lockwood and John C. Green in Middletown, Tuesday of last week.

STATE HOSPITAL ELECTS OFFICERS

The Board of Trustees of the State Hospital for Insane met Thursday at Farnhurst and reorganized for the ensuing year with the same officers. Dr. J. J. Black, of New Castle, was re-elected president and treasurer and Dr. J. H. Wilson, of Dover, was re-elected secretary.

Dr. Black appointed all the old committees.

The contract for building an addition to the hospital was awarded to Charles E. Anderson and Son, that firm being the lowest bidder.

The following were awarded contracts for furnishing supplies to the institution for the months of May, June, July and August:

Groceries, William E. Frank; bread, Henry Schrade; beef, veal and mutton, John T. Devine; dry goods, W. H. Smith & Co.; clothing, shoes and slippers, Wright and Davidson; drugs, Erdman Hoffman, and coal, George W. Bush and Sons Co.

Superintendent Hancker submitted the following report: Admitted during the past month, eight males and seven females; discharged, 16 males and 16 females; died, one male and three females. The population of the hospital is 228 males and 185 females. The receipts for board for the month amounted to $831.96.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
—OF—
Two Valuable Farms
NEAR CECILTON, MD.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Cecil County, the undersigned Trustee will offer at public sale in front of the Court House door in Elkton, Maryland, on

Tuesday, June 1st, '09

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock noon, all the following Valuable Real E-tate:—

FARM NO. 1 known as "The Laws Farm," or by whosoever name or names the same may be called, situated, lying and being in the First Election District of Cecil County, Maryland, situated about two miles from Cecilton, and lying on the west side of the public road leading from Earleville to Fredericktown, and adjoining the farms of Mrs. Charlotte R. Ward and Mrs. Annie K. Veazey.

This farm contains

206 Acres

OF LAND, more or less, and is the same farm which was conveyed to William Knight by Alex. Laws and wife by deed bearing the date of the 23d day of March, 1865, and duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber W. H. R., No. 7, Folio 502, one of the Land Record Books or Cecil County, Maryland.

The buildings consist of good FRAME DWELLING and Stable, Barn and all other outbuildings necessary for farming purposes.

This farm is within two miles of Post-office, Churches and School and is under good fencing and high state of cultivation. Grain and other produce delivered to Fredericktown, from which point there is daily connection with Baltimore by steamboat.

FARM NO. 2 known as "The Price Farm," situate on the West side of the public road leading from Bohemia Bridge to Earleville, and adjoining the farms of Thomas Roe and Geo. W. Padley. This farm contains

208 Acres

OF LAND, more or less, and is a part of the tract of land, which was conveyed by two deeds, one of which to William Knight by John H. Price and wife by deed bearing date of the 17th day of April, 1856, and duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber H. H. M., No. 6, Folio 552, etc., one of the Land Record Books for Cecil County, Maryland, and the other to Julia Harrison by Robert T. Barton and others by deed bearing date the 17th day of November, 1884, and duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber J. A. D., No. 8, Folio 75, another of the aforesaid Land Record Books; and being the same tract of land for which there is on file among the papers in this cause a plot of a survey.

The buildings consist of good FRAME DWELLING and Stable, Barn and other outbuildings necessary for the farm. The fencing is in good order.

This farm is situated in fine agricultural section and is within three miles of Earleville Postoffice, and a short distance from Churches and school, and within one and one-half miles of the wharf at Bohemia Bridge, at which point grain can be shipped to market.

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—OF—

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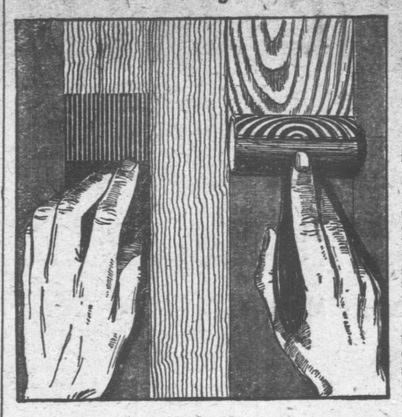
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Whereas, Ernest T. Kimberly by his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Annie Kimberly.

[Seal]

We, Therefore, Command You, as you were heretofore commanded, That you summon Annie Kimberly that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Ernest T. Kimberly according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of March A. D. nineteen hundred and nine.

HERBERT L. RICE,
Issued March 24, 1909. Prothonotary.

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Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.25 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m

For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 8, 1909

Local News

Asparagus Roots—8000 Palmetto at STEELE'S.

High-grade dental service. Examination and estimate, free. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown. 'Phone 18.

LAUNDRY.—Prompt work. Good work. Cheap work. HENRY TOY, Middletown, Del.

Give your little chicks a good start by using Chick Food, at EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

Strawberry Plants—10,000 best varieties at STEELE'S.

The attention of our readers is called to the new ad. of P. F. Johns of Warwick, Md., in this issue.

Ice cream, all standard flavors. Special prices on large quantities. Festival orders filled on short notice. MIDDLETOWN FARMS.

A refined young man can rent a desirable furnished bedroom in private family on West Main street. Apply at THIS OFFICE.

Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

High-grade dental service. Examination and estimate, free. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown. 'Phone 18.

New leather top buggy, $45, worth double; also extra set rubber tire wheels, set harness, blankets, etc., bargains to quick buyers. S. BURSTAN, Cor. Broad and Main Sts.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has issued orders that all walking on the right of way of the company must cease, and all trespassers are being warned not to repeat the offense under penalty of arrest and fine.

Send your items and personal notices into the paper, that is the way to help make it interesting. Just sign your name, we won't publish it, and then the article will be sure of getting in.

FOR SALE—Rose Comb Rhode Island Red eggs by the setting or in hundred lots, eggs fresh and fertility guaranteed. C. P. COCHRAN. Middletown, Del.

The Library hours are: Tuesday, 3 30 to 5 P. M.; Friday, 7 to 8.30 P. M.; Saturday, 3 to 5 P. M. The library will be open on Tuesday evening for the school exclusively.

50,000 Sweet Potato Plants, $2.00 per 1000 at STEELE'S.

We have now in storage several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and SOFT COAL. Send your teams along as you can get it any day without placing your order before hand. *Always in stock.* Phone 5. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Beginning with Monday last a field agent employed by the New Castle County Anti-License Committee, began work in New Castle County Clyde E. Gray, of Wilmington, had been selected for the position.

The second Sunday in May has been designated for observance as Mother's Day; a day to be kept sacred to the best mother that ever lived—your own. It is suggested that on that day every person in the land wear a white flower, preferably a white carnation.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 29th: Mrs. Moses Frazier, Miss Mary Vance, Mrs. Prinkie Woodrow, Mr. Jesse Ford, Mr. William Ford, Thomas Goldsborough, (Dead Letter).

E. H. Beck, Real Estate Broker, has sold to Mrs. A. B. Berry, of Odessa, the farm belonging to Walter Dickinson, near Summit Bridge, containing 105 acres for $7000. Also sold to J. G. Bragdon the Moore house on North Broad street, belonging to Mrs. Letitia Green, of Philadelphia, Pa.

ANNOUNCEMENT.—I wish to inform my patrons that I am now making my own ice cream, and can serve you with all flavors either by the gallon or in bricks. Special prices for festivals, picnics and others wanting large quantities. All orders filled promptly—wholesale and retail. MRS. ROSA WEBER.

According to reports received from many party of the Eastern Shore, especially in Accomac and Northampton counties, barrels of Irish potatoes planted this season have rotted in the ground, with loss to the truckers in seed and fertilizer too great to be estimated. Very many have lost in this way $200 to $300, and the loss to some will reach $500.

We are not asking a favor when we ask you to witness the Chi-Namel Demonstration in our store on May 10th, 11th and 12th but extending one. It will be your opportunity to learn from the Manufacturer's expert many things in regard to the treatment of interior wood work, furniture, etc., and the many ways in which the Chi-Namel Graining and Varnishing Process may be made to serve the housewife. Don't fail to attend. It will be worth many dollars to you. J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

Governor Pennewill has appointed the the following tuberculosis commission to arrange dispensaries in each county and to make sanitarium arrangements for tuberculosis patients, in accordance with a bill passed at the last session of the legislature: John Bancroft, Dr. Peter W. Tomlinson, Miss Emily P. Bissell, New Castle county; Henry Ridgely, Dr. B. L. Lewis, Mrs. George W. Marshall, Kent county; Dr. W. F. Haines, Robert G. Houston, and Mrs. Lewis Mustard, Sussex county.

The friends of Mr. John F. Metten are pleased to know of his promotion to the position of Chief Engineer of the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, Philadelphia. Mr. Metten has been with the Cramp Company for some years, beginning at the lowest round of the ladder, and has been advanced each year, until he has reached the responsible position of chief engineer.

Wilson & Johns, of Warwick, Md., contractors and builders have a new ad in this issue. They will appreciate an opportunity to estimate on your work and guarantee satisfaction.

The Great Council of Delaware, Improved Order of Red Men, at a special council fire held in the Pie mansion at Newark Saturday afternoon ordered the property purchased as a home for the aged and indigent members of the fraternity in Delaware.

There will be a Chi-Namel Demonstration at our store on May 10th, 11th and 12th. Do not miss the opportunity to learn how to secure a new hard wood floor for $2.50, and how to have a Mission finish dining room, den or sitting room without the expense of removing old paint or varnish. Any old floor, oil cloth or linoleum made to look like new hard wood any style of grain. Lessons free by special instructor. J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

Rev. F. H. Moore entertained the boys in Miss Mary Beasten's class of the Presbyterian Sunday School, at the Manse on Monday evening. The class, which numbers eighteen, has taken a great deal of pleasure in increasing its number, until it doubled itself. Dr. Moore showed his appreciation of their efforts by inviting them to the Manse for the evening.

At the business meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, the following officers and committees were elected to serve for the next six months: President, Miss Annie B. Ellison; Vice President, Miss Mary B. Nowland; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Rothwell; Treasurer, Miss Maude H. Deakyne; Organist, Mrs. S. E. Lewis; Assistant Organist, Miss Nellie Rothwell. Lookout Committee—Miss Mary Nowland, Miss May Holten, Mr. J. F. Deakyne. Prayer Meeting Committee—Miss Mary Rothwell, Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker, Miss Annie Ellison, Miss Bernice D. Metten. Social Committee—Miss Mary Nowland, Miss Maude Deakyne, Mrs. Hoffecker, Mrs. Julia Cann, Mr. William Armstrong. Sunday School Committee—Mr. Deakyne, Mrs. S. E. Lewis, Mr. G. D. Kelley, Mr. Armstrong. Missionary Committee—Miss Myrtle Houston, Miss Nellie Rothwell, Miss Elizabeth R. Hall, Mrs. Cann.

We have arranged with the manfacturers of Chi-Namel, who are also patentees of the Chi-Namel Graining, Staining and Varnishing Process to have one of their expert demonstrators spend a few days with us for the special purpose of teaching our trade to use the little tool and furnish our patrons free of cost, expert instruction in the treatment of interior wood work. Call and see the demonstrator. This will be a rare opportunity for the ladies to learn how to grain and varnish their own floors and woodwork. Chi-Namel graining will outwear the ordinary floor varnish many times over. Don't forget the dates, May 10th, 11th and 12th. J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

CENTURY CLUB'S NEW OFFICERS

The meeting of the New Century Club on Tuesday afternoon proved to be a very interesting one. The business of the day was the election of officers for the coming year and reports from the chairmen of the standing committees. The treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, reported $24.33 remaining in the treasury for currant expenses; Mrs. C. M. Freeman, chairman of Education; Mrs. M. K. McDowell, chairman of Civics and Forestry; Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker, chairman of Library; Miss Agnes T. Cochran, chairman of Arts and Crafts; Mrs. A. W. Derrickson, chairman of Social Service; Mrs. J. J. Johnson, chairman of Music, and Miss Dora R. Price, chairman of Social Committee, gave reports of the work done by their committees during the year. The Club will make its annual gift of ten dollars' worth of books to the Public Library.

Three new names were added to the list of members.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Rebecca P. Cann; first vice president, Mrs. Clara M. Freeman; second vice president, Mrs. Fannie C. Cochran; recording secretary, Miss Josephine Biggs; assistant recording secretary, Miss Josephine Cochran; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Helen Y. Parker; treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Shepherd; auditors, Miss Mary B. Nowland, Miss May M. Holten. The newly-elected officers will be installed next Tuesday and the installation will be followed by a Tea. This will be the last meeting of the year.

SUBSCRIBERS TAKE NOTICE

We have just gone over and revised our mailing list and bills are being sent out. Not everybody will receive a bill. Only those whose subscriptions are just due and those in arrears are receiving them. Those falling due from now on can readily see when their subscription expires by referring to the "little pink label." After your name and address will be found the date up to which your subscription is paid.

According to a ruling of the postal authorities we are not permitted to mail a paper to any subscriber who is more than one year in arrears.

GET THE GARDEN HABIT

In these days when the cost of living is mounting up until the problem of making the income account balance the needs of the family is a good time to turn for relief to the garden. The amount which can be raised on a small plot of ground well tilled is astonishing, and the utilization of these patches which are lying idle may be a big factor in solving the economic problem of the home. A growing tomato vine is much more of an ornament than an empty tomato can in the garden, and a blister on your hand resulting from gripping a hoe handle much to be preferred to a glassy spot on the seat of your trousers due to constant contact with a goods box. A melted down collar due to working the garden is no more difficult to launder than one rendered unserviceable walking around town, and it will produce a whole lot more for the family table. The garden cabbage and potatoes are gold mines on a small scale, which are more certain to render dividends than the kind which gives back nothing but a gilded certificate whose only purpose is to remind you in subsequent years that a chump and his money had been parted.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Marion Cochran has returned from Elwyn, Pa.

Mr. William Beaston was in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Mr. D. P. Keith spent Saturday with his mother at Dover.

Miss Ethel Massey, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mrs. Albert Price.

Mrs. E. M. Boyer, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mrs. A. M. Chamberlaine.

Mrs. Alexander Metten visited her son, W. F. Metten, in Wilmington, this week.

Mrs. Boyd McCoy, of Kirkwood, has been visiting the family of Mr. S. S. Holten.

Miss Ethel Knight, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

Miss Frances McCrone has returned home, after a visit with friends in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Richard Clayton was in Philadelphia this week, visiting her daughter, Miss May Clayton.

Miss Lillian Solway, of Wilmington, was the guest of Miss May Kumpel on Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. D. P. Kieth and daughter, Miss Naomi, visited Philadelphia Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Sallie Crosland, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. John Bendler, near town.

Miss Eliza Cochran has returned to Elwyn, Pa., after a stay with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Cochran.

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Comegys, of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

Mrs. Thorndyke Roe, of Greenwood, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Northup spent Sunday near New Castle, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Gillis.

Miss Elizabeth Collins, of New York City, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. V. S. Collins, at the M. E. Parsonage.

Mrs. L. E. Cullen and granddaughter, little Miss Caroline Fouracre, have returned from a visit with her son in Wilmington.

Misses Mary Beaston and Mary Richards and Messrs. Norman Gill and Norman Kumpel spent Saturday evening in Wilmington.

DeVINE-SHEEHAN WEDDING

St. Joseph R. C. Church, Middletown, was the scene of a quiet wedding on Wednesday morning. The contracting parties were Mr. Thomas H. DeVine, a prosperous farmer of near Warwick, Md., and Miss Nora Sheehan, of Philadelphia. Father C. A. Crowley performed the ceremony, which was preceded by a nuptial mass, assisted by the Rt. Rev. J. J. Monahan, Bishop of Wilmington Diocese. The bride was attended by Miss May DeVine and Mr. James P. Dunn was best man.

After a wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. DeVine left on the 10.25 train for Washington and points south.

They were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents.

ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils of the Middletown Public Schools have obtained an average of 90 per cent. or better for the month of April:

HIGH SCHOOL. Grade A. — Arthur Price, Elsie Boulden, Lena King, Leanora Davis. Grade B—Martha Voshell, George Hukill. Grade C—Rupert Burstan, Irving Brockson.

DEPARTMENT No. 2. A Class—Maude Taylor, Blanche Cleaver, Bertha Manlove, Irene Reed. B Class—Rose Evans, Mary Evans.

DEPARTMENT No. 3. A Class—Theodore Whitlock, Frank Tyson. B Class—Mildred Redgrave, Marion Vinyard.

DEPARTMENT No. 4. A Class—Clarence Weber, Harry Segelken, Edith Eliason, Margaret Reed, Martha Pearce, Roland Yokem, Ruth Gillespie, Merritt Lockwood, Crawford David, Fred Baker. B Class—Frank Walker, Frank McWhorter, Odell Gallagher, Clara Gallagher, Delma Dockety, Mildred Freeman.

DEPARTMENT No. 5. A Class—Alma Whitlock, Foster Johnson. B Class—Lelia Pratt, Millie Rosenberg, Mildred Hall, Margaret Pleasanton, Frances Cochran, Maurice Jundy, Alden Parker, Albert Schuman, Claude Fouracre.

DEPARTMENT No. 6. A Grade—Florence Pennewill, Marian Pinder, Hattie Cochran, Henrietta Schroeder, Benjamin Williams, Allee Hall, Howard Dixon, Frank Jones. B Grade—Samuel Lundy, Daniel Biguear, Della Fowler.

Brown Cottage School

The following pupils have attained an average of 90 per cent. for the month of April: Lena Manlove, Avery B. Donovan.

LIVELY FIGHT WITH STURGEON

PORT PENN, May 6.—Welsh Yearsley, a fisherman of near Port Penn, had a great experience on the Delaware River on Monday, in cathing a sturgeon as few men have had recently, and some persons who witnessed the affair thought he had caught a whale.

On finding the sturgeon, a large cow fish, in the net, and learning that it was only slightly enmeshed, he sank a harpoon deeply into the catch and this excited the fish, which tried to get away.

The rope attached to the steel was given a twist about the thwart of the boat and then the fish began to tow the boat toward the Delaware Bay, until a distance of half a mile was traversed When exhausted the sturgeon gave up the fight and was captured, but not without a struggle. Then it was placed in the stern of the boat and sold for $90. Mr. Yearsley and his partner stated that they were greatly concerned for a time, fearing they would lose their prize.

The officers and crew of the tug of the quarantine station witnessed the capture and offered their assistance, but it was not needed.

LETTER TO DR. E. M. VAUGHAN

Middletown, Del.

Dear sir: The point is right here:

Every job painted Devoe takes less gallons than of any other paint.

If any one doubts this statement he may paint half his job Devoe, the other half any paint he likes.

If Devoe half doesn't take less gallons and cost less money, no pay.

Yours truly

80 F W DEVOE & CO

P. S.—J. F. McWhorter & Son sell our paint.

TWENTY-SECOND CONVENTION

The twenty-second Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Castle County, was held on Thursday in Townsend. Delegates were present from each union in the county. They were met at the station by a delegation from the Townsend Union, who escorted the guests to the pretty little church.

The devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. Mary P. Bolton, of the North End Union, Wilmington, with prayers by Mrs. Guest and Mrs. Donnell. The County President, Mrs. Mary B. Donnell, of Newark, opened the business meeting. She told of the increased number of unions since the Convention was held there several years ago.

The following committees were appointed:

Telegrams—Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Cranston, Mrs. Brosin.

Courtesies—Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Money, Mrs. Cunninghan.

Resolutions—Mrs. Burnley, Mrs. Guest, Mrs. Gelden, Mrs. Ferguson.

Credentials—Mrs. Gam, Mrs. Schaeffer.

Union Signals—Mrs. Isenberg, Mrs. Bolton.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney, of Townsend, spoke the words of welcome in a very pleasant manner and the response, on behalf of the visitors, was made by Mrs. Euphemia Staats, of Victory Union, near Blackbird.

The minutes of the session of the spring institute held in Wilmington, were read by Miss Lillie B. Williams, of Marshallton, the County Secretary. The report was accepted as read. Miss Williams then gave an outline of the work done during the past year, by the County Unions. This report was very interesting and very encouraging to the Convention. Miss Williams reported much earnest work done during the year, especially in helping along in the line of local option.

Mrs. H. C. Mearns, of Wilmington, the County Treasurer, gave her report saying the County has $372.84 in their treasury and $296.15 has been collected for the Temperance Home at St. Georges. Mrs. Mearns said there are 1030 members in the County including both "W's" and "Y's." A rising vote of thanks was given to the Treasurer for her report and for the able manner in which she has done her work.

Miss Sutton, Press Superintendent of Smyrna and Mr. D. B. Maloney, of Townsend, were introduced and welcomed.

Townsend, while in New Castle County, is a "dry" town just now, and Mr. Maloney says that a drunken man on Townsend streets is a curiosity.

A telegram of greeting was read from Miss Rietta Emerson, who has been the state secretary of the Y's and a return greeting sent. A message of greeting was sent to Mrs. Caulk, the State President, who is ill. A letter was sent to Mrs. Milligan, of St. Georges, expressing sorrow for the death of her daughter, and to Mrs. Mary L. Cox, of Middletown, who has recently lost two sisters within a week of each other.

The noontide devotional service was in charge of Mrs. L. W. Emerson, of Wilmington, who is state superintendent of Evangelistic Work.

Luncheon was served in the old chapel by the Townsend ladies. After lunch an executive meeting was held when it was decided to ask Brandywine Summit Camp officials to allow us to have a day at Camp.

Mrs. Burnley, of Donnell Union, McClellanville, was made County Superintendent of Parliamentary work.

The bills presented by the Treasurer were ordered paid.

The after dinner bible reading was in charge of Mrs. H. L. Pettingill, of Hilles Union, with Mrs. Foster, musical director of New Castle County unions, at the organ.

Rev. Mr. MacSorley led in prayer for the success of the remonstrance now being circulated in Townsend, against having a licensed bar there. Prof. A. R. Spaid, of Wilmington, Superintendent of public schools for New Castle County was introduced and spoke on the good the W. C. T. U. women are doing in this country. He told of the danger of giving children patent medicines and of how the women ought to work for local option. Prof. Spaid thanked the ladies for the help given in securing his reappointment as superintendent of schools. A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Spaid for his excellent talk.

Next came the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Mary B. Donnell; Vice President, Mrs. Martha A. Cranston; Secretary, Miss Lillie B. Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Mearns.

Bouquets were presented to the officers and to Mr. Ashton Tatum, of Wilmington, who was present and was called the "big brother of convention." A handsome cut glass dish was presented to Mrs. Emerson, as a token of appreciation of her work.

In the evening the county Y's gave an entertainment entitled "Uncle Sam's Vision," after which Prof Francis H. Green, of West Chester State Normal School gave a most instructive address on "The Hour of Triumph."

The delegates and visitors expressed their enjoyment of the day and the kindness of the Townsend Union, and offered a vote of thanks for same.

10 REVENUE CUTTER CADETS

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Having successfully passed the examination, the following candidates will be appointed cadets in the Revenue Cutter Service, subject in some cases to physical examination:

John B. Barrett, Boston.
William P. Kain, Swampscott, Mass.
James B. Lockwood, Middletown, Del.
Gussavus U. Stewart, Wett Rumney, N. H.
Edgar W. Stanton, New York.
David P. Marvin, Newtonville, Mass.
Fletcher W. Brown, Brockton, Mass.
Floyd J. Sexton, Brooklyn, N. Y.
John M. Rose, Philadelphia.
Edgar E. Jackson, New York.

Mr. James B. Lockwood the only Delawarean who passed the examination, is the youngest son of Mrs. George W. Lockwood of this town, and his numerous friends here will be glad to learn of his success.

New Post Office for Smyrna

Senator Richardson on Tuesday introduced a bill in the Senate at Washington appropriating $40,000 for the erection of a Federal building at Smyrna, this State. It is understood that the bill will be heartily supported by Senator duPont and Congressman Heald, as Smyrna is said to be the town that has been slated for the new Federal building in Delaware. Recently the town council of Smyrna made a strong plea for a Federal building.

SAW DAUGHTER KILLED BY TRAIN

Nellie Marker and Willie Faucett Struck by Express

While the girls father, at the head of the section gang, looked helplessly on Nellie Marker, 14 years old and Willie Faucett, 12 years old, were instantly killed while gathering wild flowers Tuesday morning near Wyoming.

The children had started homeward with arms full of violets and wild azaleas and rhododendrons and instead of taking the by-path along the flower lined banks they started across the railroad tracks of the Pennsylvania's Delaware division, with the object, evidently, of walking along the beatened path between the northbound and southbound tracks.

A southbound freight train was thundering through Wyoming and the children kept along the path, doubtless trying to get where it was good walking as schooltime was approaching.

As they approached the Wyoming curve, they stepped aside to get out of the way of the freight train, which was then blowing for the second crossing.

Suddenly, around the curve, and coming northward, as were the children, came Conductor John Fleming's north bound Delaware Railroad express train.

The engineer and firemen started to toot the passenger express whistle, but the noise of the freight, then passing completely drowned out the blasts and the train bore down upon the children, killing both instantly.

The boy's head was crushed and the girl was hurled aside minus a leg and arm, but both died on the spot they fell.

Fletcher Marker, the girl's father, was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the accident, and never knew his own daughter was the victim until he suddenly identified a familiar piece of her clothing which he had helped put on frequently. The strong man broke down and the scene was piteous.

The little boy was the son of William Faucett, a blacksmith of Wyoming, lately located there, and this family, too, was wild with grief.

The two children were removed, in the presence of a great crowd, to their homes where Deputy Coroner Willlis held inquests Tuesday afternoon.

SALESMEN SAMPLES

Big values in women's tailor-made Skirts, smart styles, French voile, Panama cloths and mohairs, $2.39 to $5.50. All new styles. J. B. MESSICK.

Special in Men's Clothing, 25 men's 2-piece Suits here, all-wool outing suit, coat and pants, just the thing for warm weather. Regular price, $10.00, to close the lot $6 90 a suit. All sizes, 33 to 39 breast measure. J. B. MESSICK.

Matting Headquarters. This is the place to buy mattings, because of the variety offered, the values, and the fact only best qualities. 100 rolls from which to choose. China Mattings, 12½ to 27½c. a yard. Japan Matting, 17 to 25c. a yard. J. B. MESSICK.

$4.50 Silk Waists, $2.95 Sample lot, 3 splendid models in white silk waists, tucked in various pretty styles. They are the pick of tailored smartness, $2.95. J. B. MESSICK.

Walking Skirts, the best. These sensible skirts invite outdoor enjoyment, light weight in black, blue and brown mohair, trimmed with strap folds, $3.00. J. B. MESSICK.

Boys' Wash Suits less than half price, 41c to $1.95. Regular prices, 75c to $4.50 a suit, age, 3 to 9 years. All styles, new goods, made in this spring's styles by best makers. J. B. MESSICK.

Boys' Shirt Waists of figured percale and white plaited, laundered and unlaundered. About 100 in the lot. Regular price, 50c and 75c, all marked 25c. "Puritan" make, no better. J. B. MESSICK.

Lot of Children's White Canvas Shoes and Oxfords, few blacks, of vici kid in the lot, 50c., a pair to close. Regular price, $1.00 and $1.25. J. B. MESSICK.

Hosiery Perfection in Ethiopian "Double Foot" Hosiery are made not merely with double sole but an entire double foot, gives double strength where it is most needed, it doubling the life of the stocking. Sold only in this store. 25, 35 and 50c. a pair. Black, tan and steel. J. B. MESSICK.

OBITUARY

CHARLES T. JOHNSON

Mr. Charles T. Johnson, of Odessa, died suddenly early Thursday morning at his home in Odessa, in the 64th year of his age. Mr. Johnson had been in failing health for a year, the result of a severe attack of grip, and although up and about he was far from being well, but his death was not expected. He was in Middletown Wednesday. He was feeling badly Wednesday evening and had consulted a physician early in the evening, and was on his way to the doctor's when he fell at his door, death coming before the doctor's arrival. For many years Mr. Johnson had been in the hacking business between Odessa and Middletown and in late years he had lived a more quiet life, occasionally carrying passengers to nearby points.

LARGE COLORED CONFERENCE

MILFORD, MAY 6 —Great preparations are being made for the 92d session of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which will be held here commencing on Wednesday next, May 12th, in Bethel A. M. E. Church. Arrangements are being made by Rev. J. H. Gordon, pastor of the church.

All that part of the city occupied by colored people has been put in the finest order known for many years. The old buildings are being whitewashed and painted in first style, and the streets are being put in good order.

About a hundred ministers and laymen are expected to attend the session, which will continue for a week. Armory Hall has been secured for Conference Sunday and an all-day meeting will be held, when Rt. Rev. Wesley J. Gaines, presiding bishop, will preach. As the delegates pay their own board, they will be fed in a large church on North Front street and will be lodged by members of the church.

ODESSA

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Baker have returned to their home in Aberdeen, Md., after spending sometime here.

Miss May Enos has returned home, after spending a few days last week with friends in Smyrna.

Mrs. R. L. Hallett and son Robert are spending this week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. L. V. Aspril is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Misses Beulah and Stella Austin and Mr. Joseph Heller spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Roemer.

Mrs. W. F. Curtis and children, of Wilmington, are spending sometime with her father, Mr. D. W. Corbit.

Mrs. William Johnson is spending this week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. S. E. Barwick, of Kennedyville, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. O. C. Stevens.

Mrs. Theodore Ferguson and Mrs. William Fortner, of Blackbird, and Mr. Charles Spaid, of Wilmington, spent last Thursday with Mrs. E. C. McCoy.

Mrs. F. B. Watkins and daughters, Rebecca and Frances, are spending a few days with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Emma Robb, of Chester, Pa., is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morris.

This community was shocked on Thursday morning upon hearing of the death of Mr. Charles T. Johnson, one of the best known citizens of Odessa. He died about 2 o'clock A. M., heart failure being the cause of his death. He had been ill for several weeks with the grip, but was apparently improving. Funeral services will be held this (Saturday), afternoon, at 1.30 o'clock from his late residence on High street.

WARWICK

Miss Bessie Gunkel spent several days last week in Wilmington.

Miss S. Ethel Vinyard was a visitor in Philadelphia on Saturday.

Mrs. R. B. Merritt, Sr., was in Wilmington one day last week.

Mr. Edward Lynch is spending sometime with his parents in town.

Mrs. John L. Lattomus and son are visiting her parents in Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manlove spent Sunday with her parents in Cecilton.

Mr. George E. Fillers, state road inspector, spent Sunday in Baltimore.

Mrs. J. R. Price and Mrs. Archie Crawford spent one day last week at Massey.

Mrs. Mary A. Lofland has returned home, after visiting relatives near Cecilton.

Mr. James Boyles and sister spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Boyles near town.

Mrs. George Goldsborough has been attending the Sunday School Convention in Smyrna.

Mr. William Lofland, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Lofland.

The Christian Endeavor social met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt, Sr., on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt, Jr., spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bishop, on the Manor.

Rev. J. A. Arters had charge of the services at our Church on Sunday evening, quite a large congregation was in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt, Sr., entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson, of Cecilton. and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dulaney, of Baltimore.

CECILTON

Dr. R. M. Black was a Baltimore visitor recently.

Mrs. P. Smith is visiting her cousin in Baltimore.

Mr. John Terry was a Wilmington visitor recently.

E. S. Short spent Monday and Tuesday in Baltimore.

Albert Shaw spent several days this week in Baltimore.

Mr. Joseph Biggs, of Middletown, was in town on Monday.

Miss Mary Etherington spent Sunday with Miss Mary Blackway.

Mrs. G. W. Padley and son spent last Tuesday in Chesapeake City.

Mrs. R. W. Blackway has been visiting relatives in Lankford and Chestertown.

Mrs. Robert Ferguson and children spent Sunday with Mrs. George Beaston.

F. E. Hoover, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. S. P. Hoover and wife.

Miss Blanche VanBuskirk, of Baltimore, has returned home, after spending sometime with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manlove and daughter, of Warwick, were entertained on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder.

The town election on Monday resulted as follows: Henry Boulden, town bailiff; Dr. R. M. Black, J. H. Black, Harry Budd, Charles Griffith and W. H. Brown, town commissioners.

IMPROVING DELAWARE CITY

DELAWARE CITY, May 6th—Excellent work is being done by the members of the Town Council, under the direction of the newly-elected mayor, Harry C. Price. Streets are being placed in order. Clinton street between Third and Fifth has been rounded up and the gutters cleaned and curb lines laid.

Yesterday surveyors laid out the Clinton street extension from Fifth street to the St. Georges causeway, a distance of 3,000 feet. The new portion will be 80 feet in width, while the old crooked extension will be turned back to the Ashhurst estate. Many pavements are being overhauled and placed in creditable shape. The assessment recently made by Edward L. Clark has been hung up in the customary places.

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CROWDS GOING TO CIRCUS

A great many Middletown people are going to Wilmington on Friday, May 14th, to the Ringling Bros.' Circus. It will be the only opportunity this year and the railroads are preparing to handle thousands of visitors from the surrounding territory.

Ringling Brothers have made many important improvements since they last appeared in this part of the country. At Madison Square Garden, New York, where the season began, the performances were attended nightly by the biggest crowds that ever saw a circus in Manhattan, and the newspapers were not backward about saying that the Ringling Brothers were presenting, in every respect, the best entertainment of the kind ever given there. The performances in in Wilmington will be identical with those given in the Garden, not the slightest change having been made in the long program.

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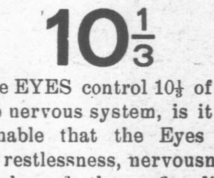
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The Statesman and the Suffragette

BY EMERIC HULME BEAMAN

The Statesman gave his coat to the butler. The butler coughed discreetly.

Some one to see you, sir, he said. A lady—and he coughed again, if anything, more discreetly still. The Statesman paused in his step to look at him

A lady? he repeated. At this time of the evening—

The young lady insisted on waiting, sir.

H'm, said the Statesman, reflectively; then she's young? The butler mutely assented. And would wait? added the Statesman.

Insisted, sir, said the butler, with gentle emphasis.

Why, it must be 9 o'clock, he mused. And I want to get down to the house for a late division tonight—you should not have admitted her, John, he admonished.

No, sir, said the butler.

But you did.

Yes, sir, said the butler.

Why? demanded the Statesman.

The young lady insisted on being admitted, sir.

John, you're a blackhead, said the Statesman.

Yes, sir, said the butler, and he put up his hand as if to ward off another discreet cough, but checked himself in time. The young lady is in the morning room, sir, he added.

I am afraid it will be necessary to remove her, remarked the Statesman; then a sudden suspicion seemed to cross his mind. H'm—I think I can guess, John. What is the young lady's name?

She didn't give a name, sir, the butler cautiously replied. Shall I take your hat, sir?

The Statesman handed it to him mechanically.

A hansom at half past nine punctually, he directed, and, turning on his heel, crossed the hall to the morning room, which he entered. The electric light had been switched on, and at first the room appeared to be empty, as the Statesman threw a quick glance around it; but the next instant he became aware of the figure of a girl apparently leaning up against the sideboard.

Ah—good evening, said the Statesman. I am, of course, charmed to see you, but I hope you will pardon me for mentioning—

Votes for women! exclaimed the girl.

Certainly, replied the Statesman suavely; but as I was about to observe, I—

Votes for women, repeated the girl.

Be quiet and don't interrupt me, said the Statesman, with sudden irritation. I was on the point of saying—

Votes for women!

Nothing of the kind, he contradicted. This is a most inopportune moment for a visit—I am very busy tonight—

Oh, nonsense, broke in the girl. Besides, this is part of your business, isn't it?

What — interviewing young ladies? The Statesman's eyebrows went up ever so slightly.

Interviewing political people, she corrected.

Are you a political person? he inquired, with a small accession of interest.

Why, of course, she rejoined in surprise. Didn't you know? I'm a Suffragette.

Bless my heart! said the Statesman, are you?

That's why I said, 'Votes for women' just now.

Ah, I might have imagined it. That, however, only makes it the more regrettable, for I really cannot listen to you now, I am due at the house shortly, and must therefore—most reluctantly—ask you to leave.

Then, she retorted, I must—most reluctantly—refuse to do so.

In that case, he rejoined in his most winning tone, I fear I shall be compelled to have you removed.

Impossible, she said firmly, John couldn't do it—he couldn't, really. Consider how fat he is.

The Statesman frowned.

Won't you sit down? he inquired, with icy politeness. At any rate, there is no reason why you should remain standing during our—er—little altercation.

There's a very good reason, she retorted. If you weren't so abominably shortsighted you would have observed the fact for yourself long ago! There was an obvious note of chagrin in her voice. The Statesman blinked at her through his gold pincenez.

You needn't be rude, he remonstrated. I was born short-sighted. It's a sign of genius—What on earth is that arrangement you've got around you? he suddenly broke off to inquire.

Oh, you've noticed it at last! snapped the Suffragette.

The Statesman bent forward, his hands resting on his knees, as he peered at her more earnestly.

It—er—seems to be some sort of chain, he hazarded.

It is a chain! she flashed.

Gracious heaven! ejaculated the Stateman. And what's that thing, pray? He pointed a denunciatory finger at the object in question.

A padlock, said the Suffragette proudly.

A padlock? repeated the Statesman in astonishment.

I told you it was no use for John to attempt to remove me, she reminded him gleefully. I'm chained to the sideboard. So now you'll have to listen to me.

The Statesman rose.

I shall ring for John to remove that padlock, he announced with decision, and you, too—

Don't be silly, protested the Suffragette, in some alarm. I tell you John can't remove me or the padlock, either. It's a word padlock—unless you fix the letters right, it won't open.

The Statesman gave a little gesture of resignation and sank back into his chair again.

In that case—he spread out his hands with an urbane air of surrender—I suppose I have no alternative—I must listen to you. I'm entirely at your mercy.

I'm glad you at last recognize that fact. Yes, you'll have to listen to me—for once!

Oh—come, objected the Statesman pleasantly. As if—He finished the sentence with a shrug. Have you really anything to say? he added.

Certainly—Votes for women; replied the Suffragette.

But you've said that before, he demurred.

We're going on saying it till we get them, she explained affably. It sounds rather silly, doesn't it?

It seems to me the last expression of idiocy, the Statesman agreed. And what on earth have you fixed yourself to my sideboard for? It looks extremely uncomfortable.

It's the correct thing to do, she pointed out, when one becomes a Suffragette. At the last meeting it was decided that every member should provide herself with a chain and padlock at once.

Meeting? echoed the Statesman, aghast. Surely you don't mean to tell me that you have joined this—this abandoned society. You?

The Suffragette blushed slightly.

Well, I—I—was there, she admitted, with a friend.

I am surprised at you, said the Statesman, in a tone of grave reproof. Really I am

Well, you needn't be, she retorted with spirit. I don't see that there is anything to be surprised at in women wanting the vote.

My surprise was not on that account, he explained. Though why women cannot be satisfied to attend to the nursery, and the—er—thousand-and-one domestic offices which fall within the legitimate province of feminine activity, which men are incapable of discharging, instead of struggling to interfere in men's work and the things which they understand nothing about, passes the ordinary wit of man to determine.

The Suffragette clapped her hands.

Ripping! she cried. I simply love to hear you talk like that. It's—it's just as good as being in the Ladies' Gallery. Was it part of a speech?

No, said the Statesman sternly; It was not. And now, pray, what have you got to say on the subject?

Oh—votes for women. Well, don't you think it's only fair that they should have them? she inquired.

It's not a question of fairness, but of expediency, rejoined the Statesman, cautiously. I reserve my opinion on the point. I want yours.

Then I think we ought to have them, she replied, in a tone of profound conviction.

Supposing, said the Statesman, with a non-committal smile, for the sake of argument, we concede that contention, and pass on to the methods adopted by these—er—ladies to gain their ends. May I ask if you approve of them?

What methods? she inquired, with a little frown of perplexity.

For a Suffragette you are sadly deficient in a knowledge of the rudimentary forms of procedure employed by this remarkable body of politicians, he observed, with a suave irony. I allude, of course, to the rowdy behavior of your militant leaders—the indecorous and unwomanly exhibitions of feminine hooliganism to which the public have been recently treated—the hysterical and meaningless outbursts of impotent violence in public places—ill-bred and vulgar interruptions of public meetings. These are some of the active methods of the so-called Suffragettes upon which I am now inviting you to express an opinion.

Well, it seemed rather fun, she answered doubtfully; rather exciting—the—the marching about and padlocking, and—and all that sort of thing. But it doesn't sound very pretty as you put it.

I didn't intend it to, he replied. Besides, that's the way it sounds to all sensible and sane people, believe me. And can you seriously imagine for one moment that going about the country stridently shouting Votes for women! is the kind of conduct likely to persuade rational men and women that these ladies are fit to exercise the responsibility of the vote—for the matter of that, any sort of responsibility at all?

Oh, but most of them only do it for fun, you know, explained the Suffragette, apologetically.

They do it, declared the Statesman, because it affords them a new source of emotional excitement, after the more ordinary and conventional channels of bridge playing, theatre-going, novel writing and so forth, have begun to pall on their etiolated spirits. Then they turn to more violent forms of stimulation.

You don't put it at all nicely, she protested. I'm sure they're not all like that!

No all, agreed the Statesman, possibly. But the earnest minority must invariably suffer for the faults of the frivolous majority. Under which of these heads do you wish me to classify you? he asked, raising his eyebrows gently.

Under neither, responded the Suffragette, promptly. I think you're quite horrid to talk like that.

The Statesman smiled, not displeased.

I gather, then, he rejoined, that you are disposed to adjure the sacred principles of this great cause?

Nothing of the sort, she retorted. I still think women ought to have votes—if they want them.

Do you want them? he inquired, with the least inflection of irony.

I am not quite sure what I should do with them if I had them, she admitted, puckering her forehead prettily.

That, smiled the Statesman, seems to be a very sufficient answer to my question. It also seems to me to express the probable attitude of most of the dear ladies who are loudest in their demands for the franchise. But, he added, they would probably be the last to admit it—few Suffragettes possess your delightful candor.

I am glad you think it delightful, said the Suffragette.

I do, he replied. It's one of the points in you that I admire most.

Pray, she demanded, in a tone of carefully modulated irony, what may be the others?

The Statesman passed his hand thoughtfully across his chin.

Your femininity, he answered.

Oh! What do you mean by that? she asked.

I mean, replied the Statesman, speaking very deliberately, that you would never do as a militant Suffragette.

And, please, why not?

The Statesman's smile was infinitely indulgent.

Your nature would betray you to the most superficial observer, he explained. You're too true a woman to try and ape a man's ways. Otherwise—The pause conveyed much.

You mean, she broke in, that you wouldn't have—She stopped, too.

Precisely, he agreed. I mean just that.

Well, you needn't, she replied, inconsequently; it's not too late yet!

The statesman ostentatiously consulted his watch.

It's nearly half past nine, he informed her.

I did not ask you the time! retorted the Suffragette, wrathfully.

No—the Statesman smiled—but I thought I would take the opportunity of once more reminding you that I am due at the House at 10. And I am sure, he added, that you must be tired of standing in that extremely uncomfortable position.

Well, then, why don't you remove me? she demanded, flashing a scornful look at him.

I don't know the word that unlocks your padlock, he pointed out. So—he rose—I'm afraid you'll have to stay there till somebody comes along who does.

If you are going to be a perfect brute, protested the suffragette, reddening, I—

Well? inquired the Statesman, pausing politely.

It's more than one word, she said, looking down. It's—about—two.

That, rejoined the Statesman, only increases the difficulty. I don't really see what is to be done.

Then you are stupider than I thought! flashed the Suffragette. I'm not going to stay here any longer. You've got to unfasten me.

Certainly, agreed the Statesman, stepping toward her. It's quite time you went to bed. I tremble to think what your mother would say if she saw you now.

She knows, retorted the Suffragette defiantly. I told her I was coming.

Good heavens! ejaculated the Statesman. And what did she say?

She said, John won't let you in at this time of night.

And John did, remarked the Statesman, thoughtfully.

He had to, she explained.

Of course. And under these circumstances John had no alternative. I shall be compelled to dismiss John, I see.

You'll do nothing of the kind, she declared. He's a regular old dear, and we'll keep him till he's a hundred.

We? queried the Statesman. I understood you to imply just now that our—er—our engagement was to be at an end?

I said you could please yourself, she retorted. I don't care—not a bit.

But I do, said the Statesman calmly. I couldn't get on without you now—I positively couldn't. Not even if you were a real Suffragette.

I am, she assured him.

You couldn't be, he denied. Not even if you tried ever so hard—you are much too sweet a little rogue. Nature didn't intend you for politics. Nature intended you for—well—for quite other things.

That's all you know about it, she scoffed.

All I don't know about it is not worth knowing, he retaliated, with calm finality. Did you say two words?

I said about two—I am not quite sure—I—think there may be three. I—

The Statesman regarded her sternly.

If you are not quite sure how many words there are, how do you propose to get yourself unchained, pra? he demanded.

Don't be so ridiculous! she protested. Unchained, indeed—as if I were a sort of wild beast! Besides, I am sure. I—I'd only forgotten for the moment. Three.

Then what are they?

I won't tell you—there. They're private. Ring for John. I—I'd rather John unfastened me, thanks.

If they're private, objected the Statesman, I don't think John is quite the—ah—proper person to hear them. Of course, he added, reflectively, there's no particular reason why you shouldn't unfasten the padlock yourself.

There is a reason, she contradicted, frowning. I—I can't get at the letters properly in this position. If you won't—

But I will, interrupted the Statesman eagerly.

I was going to say, call John, she explained.

Quite unnecessary, I assure you, he declared.

Well, then, said the Suffragette, with sudden decision, the words—No! I won't tell you.

It would be very awkward for you to remain here all night, suggested the Statesman impartially. Consider your poor mother's anxiety.

Oh, well!—Then I suppose I shall have to, she sighed.

What! Remain here all night? Impossible!

Don't be so absolutely idiotic! she retorted. I mean, of course—to tell you.

Of course, he agreed, blandly. Three—I think you said?

Yes. You'll have to—come close.

I don't mind that a bit, said the Statesman.

It's—it's not necessary to come as close as all that, she objected, not absolutely necessary—

I think it's easier, he pointed out.

Oh! Then the three words are—you must repeat them aloud after me, please. Now—are you listening?

Most attentively, he assured her.

Whisper, then—I—

Eh? said the Statesman.

Love,—

Love.

You—

Eh? said the Statesman.

I said you—that is—me, she instructed him.

Oh—I see. You—that is me.

Don't be such a donkey! she reprimanded. Of course, if you don't—

But I do! he protested. I do! More than all else on earth—more than life itself!—and—you bewitching little rogue of an angel—you know it!

Oh! murmured the Suffragette—how hard you kiss!

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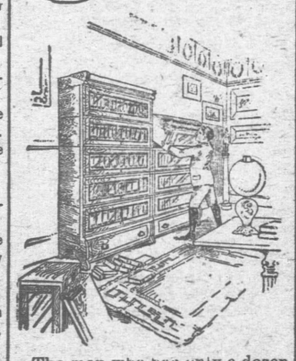
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